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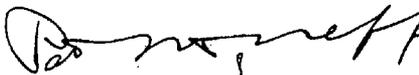
Austin, Texas,  
March 30, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples  
Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am filing herewith, with my disapproval and veto, H. B. No. 29, the apparent purpose of which is to deny to a person the right of adopting and designating as his heir a person over twenty-one years of age, and that none other than a minor under the age of twenty-one at the time of such adoption shall inherit the property, in law or in equity, of the person adopting him. There is no good reason why a person should be denied by law the privilege of adopting and designating as his heir any person he may choose to adopt, whether such person is over, or under, twenty-one years of age. The limitations and prohibitions of this Act might be construed to apply to cases of adoption prior to its passage, where the person adopted was over twenty-one years of age at the time, and thus prevent heirs now adopted from inheriting. Believing that a person should be left free to adopt whomsoever he might choose, and to designate as his heir any person he may elect, both of which this bill seeks to prohibit, it is hereby disapproved and vetoed.

Respectfully,



Governor